

Abstract

An image pickup device has an image pickup element (20), a variable power lens (20) for changing image pickup magnification, a magnification converting lens (15) for converting the image pickup magnification into a predetermined multiple, a signal processing circuit (30) for outputting a signal from the image pickup element (20) as a picture image signal, an image recording section (31) for recording an image, and a control section (40). The signal processing circuit (30) outputs the image recorded to the image recording section (31) to a monitor when the magnification converting lens (15) is inserted onto an optical axis L. At the inserting time of the magnification converting lens, it is possible to prevent that a frame body of the magnification converting lens is displayed in the monitor.